(e) If the funds under Jawahar Rozgar Yojana (JRY) are released directly to the districts instead of through the State Governments, it would cut short the delay. The implementing agencies i.e. District Rural Development Agencies/Zilla Parishad (DRDAs/ZPs) and Panchayats would be getting JRY funds relatively faster which would certainly ensure quicker and better implementation of the scheme.

(d) The Central assistance amounting to Rs. 549.78 crores was released directly to the districts under JRY during 1993-94.

(e) No, Sir. The primary responsibility for implementing JRY would still be with the State Governments who will also release their matching share to the DRDAs/ZPs directly. There would, therefore, be no erosion of the authority of the State Government if the funds are directly released to the districts.

(f) Does not arise.

Drinking water shortage in Madhya Pradesh

5005. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to treated;

(a) whether due to less rainfall and water shortage in Madhya Pradesh a number of wells, tube wells, hand pumps were constructed;

(b) whether these Pumps, Tube wells, etc. have become useless due to the excessive use and less rainfall;

(c) whether the State Government had urged the Centre to provide help and assistance to make them useful;

(d) if so, whether any scheme is being formulated by the Centre to help Madhya Pradesh Government in making these villages self-sufficient in drinking water; and

(e) if so, the help Central Government have agreed to provide to these affected village ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) During the years 1986-87 to 1993-94 about 65,100 tubewells/handpumps in villages were installed as scarcity works.

(b) The life of tubewells is 10—15 years depending on various factors. Keeping this point in view, handpumps installed out of scarcity/non-scarcity funds prior to 1-4-80 are required to be replaced. Their number is about 8325.

(c) No proposal has been received from the State Govt. for replacement of tubewells as mentioned in part (b) of the question.

(d) & (e) Do not arise. However, the Central Govt. releases grant to the State Govt. under Accelerated Rural Water Supply Programme every year to take up work of handpump installation in the rural areas. The allocation under ARWSP for 1994-95 has been fixed at Rs. 5142 lakhs out of which Rs. 1300.0 lakh has been released as first installment of funds.

Starting of Industry based works for Self-Employment

5006. SHRI IQBAL SINGH : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that educated/uneducated rural youth are being encouraged in the country, particularly in Punjab, to start industry based works with a view to provide self-employment;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor, State-wise; and

(c) what are the names of places where the said industries have been established in Punjab ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT) (SHRI UTTAMBHAI PATEL) : (a) to (c) Under Integrated Rural Development Programme (IRDP), constant